

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A plastic magnet precursor comprising a thermoplastic resin powder and at least one magnet powder, wherein said resin powder adheres around the magnet powder, and the at least one magnet powder is coated with a coupling agent which bonds the magnet powder and the thermoplastic resin powder.

2. (Currently Amended) A plastic magnet precursor comprising a thermoplastic resin powder and at least one magnet powder, wherein the resin powder is melted at a surface that contacts the magnet powder to adhere said magnet powder ~~adheres~~ around the resin powder.

Claim 3 (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The plastic magnet precursor according to claim 2, wherein~~ A plastic magnet precursor comprising a thermoplastic resin powder and at least one magnet powder, wherein said magnet powder adheres around the resin powder and the at least one magnet powder is coated with a coupling agent which bonds the magnet powder and the thermoplastic resin powder.

5. (Previously Presented) The plastic magnet precursor according to claim 1 further comprising an antioxidant which prevents oxidation of the thermoplastic resin powder.

6. (Previously Presented) The plastic magnet precursor according to claim 2 further comprising an antioxidant which prevents oxidation of the thermoplastic resin powder.

7. (Previously Presented) The plastic magnet precursor according to claim 1 further comprising a metal deactivator which prevents the magnet powder from oxidizing the thermoplastic resin powder.

8. (Previously Presented) The plastic magnet precursor according to claim 2 further comprising a metal deactivator which prevents the magnet powder from oxidizing the thermoplastic resin powder.

9. (Original) A plastic magnet formed by injection molding of the plastic magnet precursor according to claim 1.

10. (Original) A plastic magnet formed by injection molding of the plastic magnet precursor according to claim 2.

Claims 11-16 (Cancelled).

17. (New) The plastic magnet precursor according to claim 4 further comprising an antioxidant which prevents oxidation of the thermoplastic resin powder.

18. (New) The plastic magnet precursor according to claim 4 further comprising a metal deactivator which prevents the magnet powder from oxidizing the thermoplastic resin powder.